

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A device for collecting printed sheets in a certain sequence astride and atop one another to form a printed product, the device comprising:

a saddle-shaped support configured to be supplied by a sheet feeder with printed sheets, wherein the saddle-shaped support is arranged above a conveying device transporting the printed products to a further processing step;

wherein the saddle-shaped support comprises a circulating traction mechanism and driving members connected to the circulating traction mechanism;

wherein the driving members act on the printed products to convey the printed products in a direction parallel to a conveying direction of the conveying device.

2. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein the saddle-shaped support comprises a stop arranged at one end of the

saddle-shaped support, wherein the stop is configured to align the rearward edges of the printed sheets in the conveying direction of the conveying device, wherein the traction mechanism has a reversible drive motor.

3. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein the device has a device frame and wherein the saddle-shaped support has a rearward end when viewed in the conveying direction of the conveying device, wherein the rearward end of the saddle-shaped support is connected fixedly to the device frame.

4. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein the saddle-shaped support is arranged such that freely suspended lateral parts of the printed products partially overlap the conveying device.